

Methamphetamine Lab Cleanup - Case Study

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Discussion Topics

- Quick Review February 2006
Methamphetamine Talk
- Overview of Three Existing Cases
- Detailed Discussion of One of the
Cases



Methods to Make Meth

- 1. **Red Phosphorus (Red – P)**
~ 99% of labs in San Diego
- 2. **Ammonia (Birch, Nazi)**
- 3. **Phenyl-2-propanone (P2P)**

RED PHOSPHOROUS METHOD

EPHEDRINE/
PSEUDOEPHEDRINE

+

RED PHOSPHOROUS

+

IODINE

OR

HYDRIODIC ACID



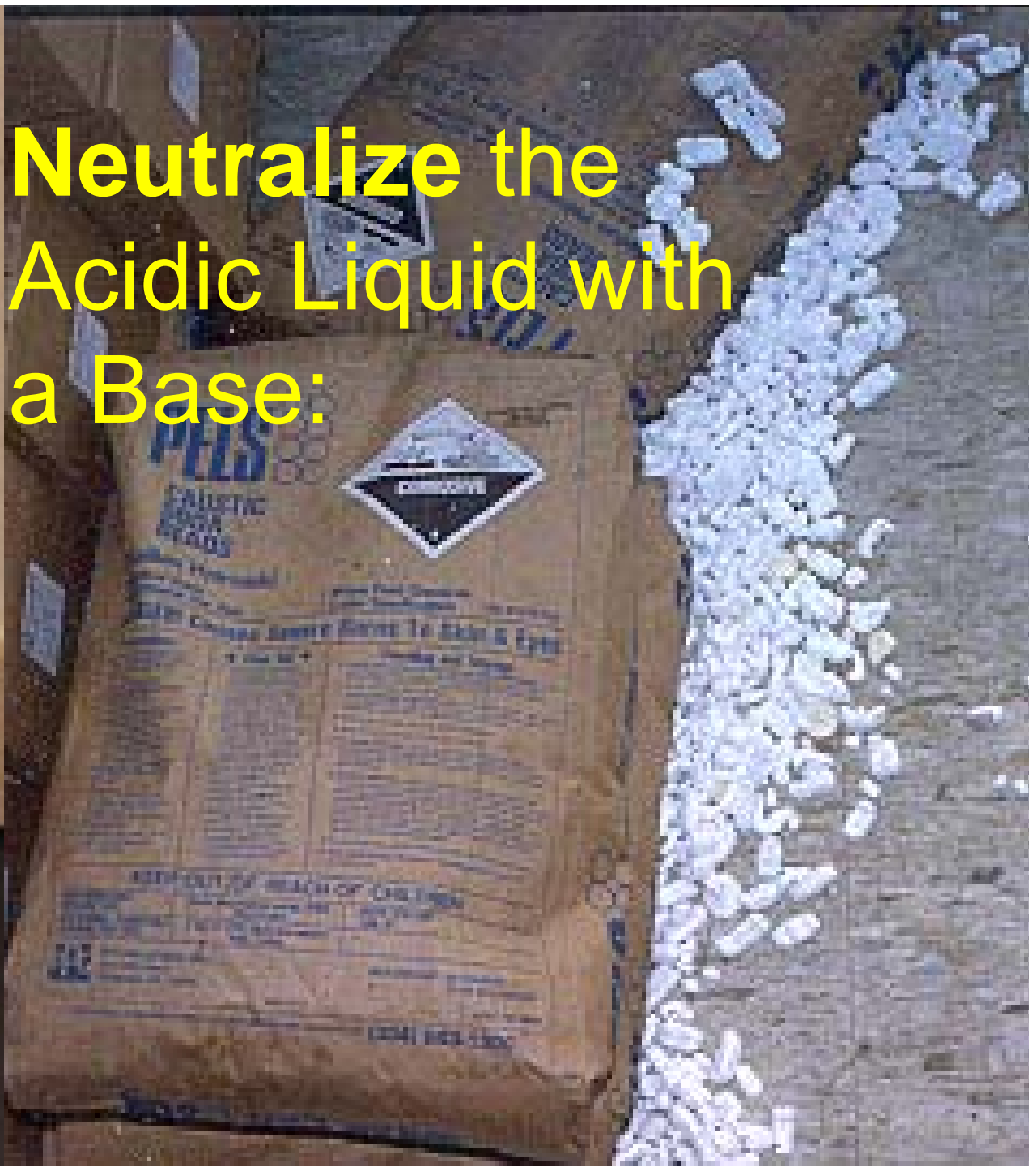


The image shows a laboratory setup for heating three round-bottom flasks simultaneously. Each flask, containing a dark liquid, sits on a silver-colored cylindrical heating mantle. The mantles are connected to a small electronic control box with several knobs and a power switch, which is plugged into a power outlet. A dense network of white and blue wires connects the mantles to the control box and the power source. The entire setup is positioned against a light-colored wooden panel with numerous pre-drilled holes. The text 'Apply Heat (Cook)' is overlaid in yellow on the lower-left portion of the image.

Apply Heat (Cook)



Neutralize the
Acidic Liquid with
a Base:



Decant the Oil from the Top



Dissolve the Oil in a *Solvent* for Further Use

Examples of Solvents

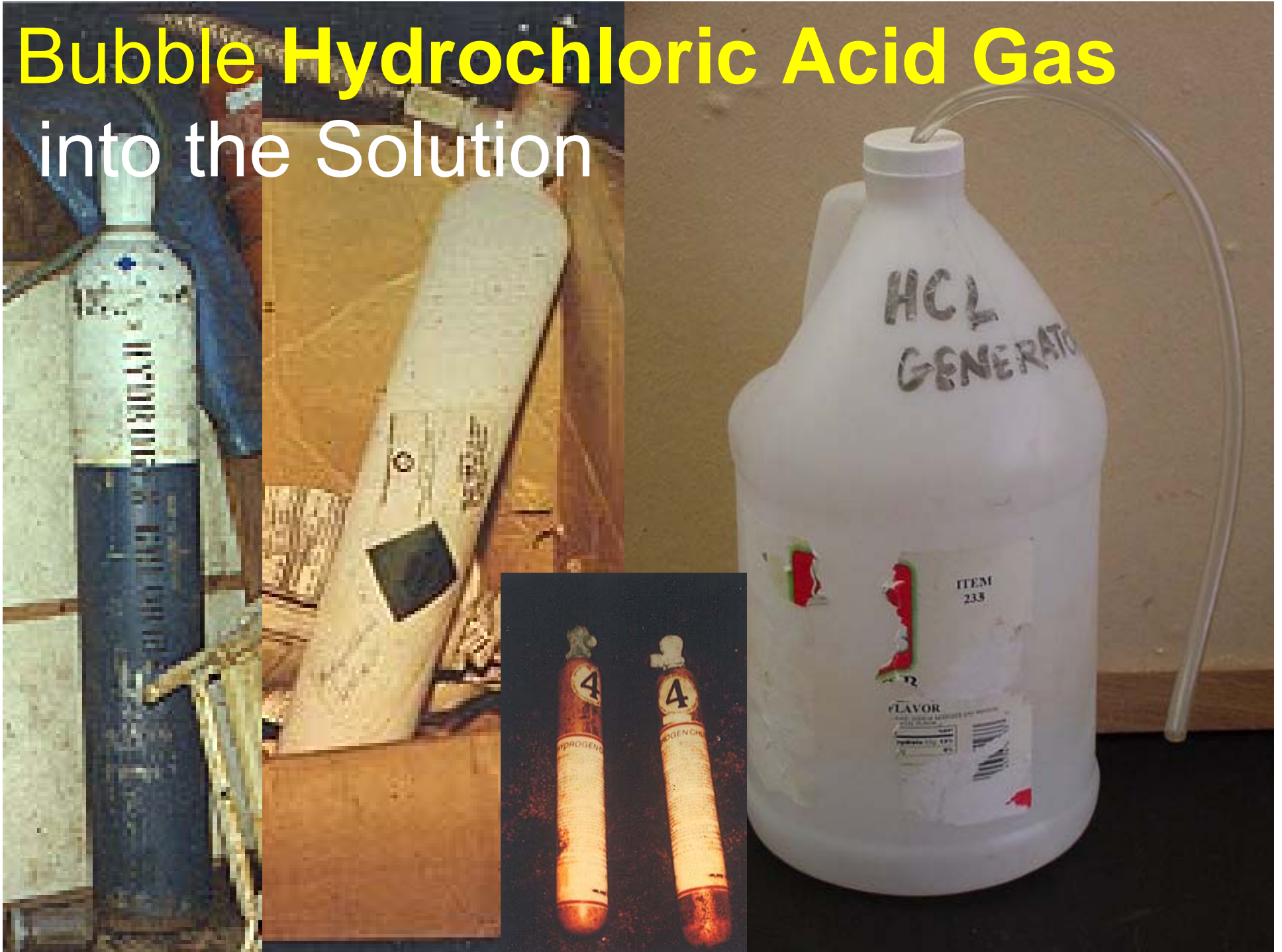


ETHER



COLEMAN FUEL

Bubble Hydrochloric Acid Gas into the Solution

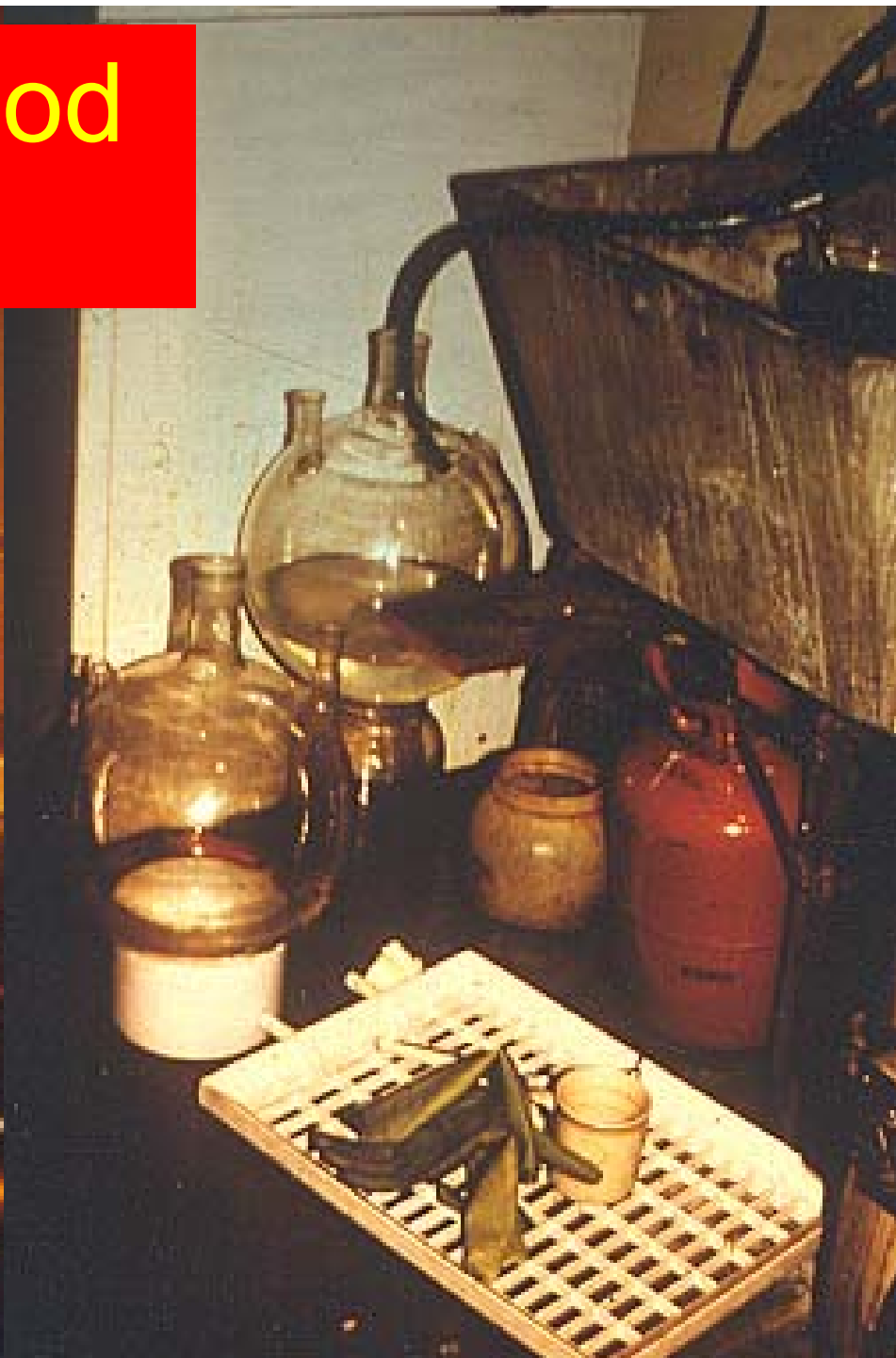
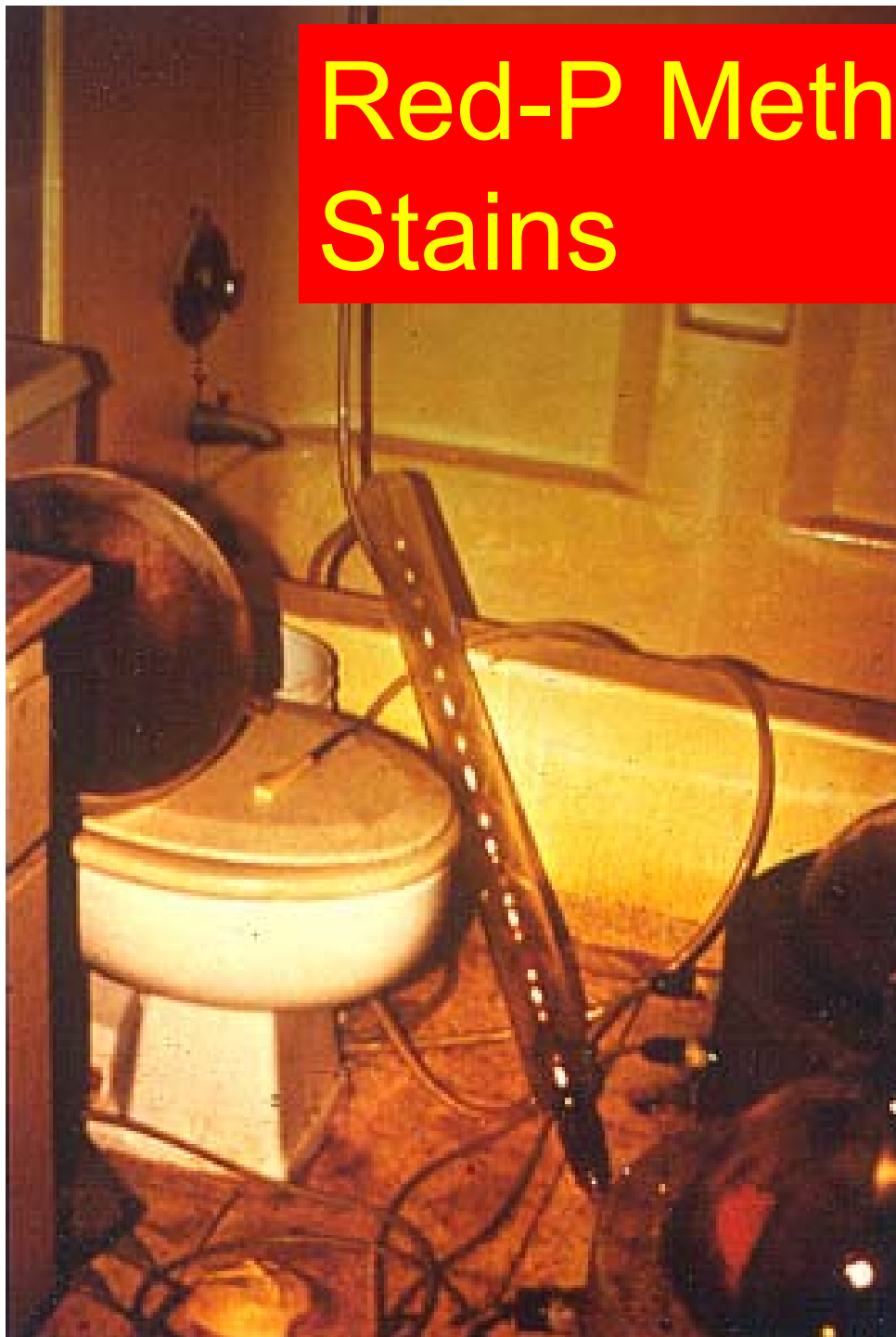




Methamphetamine Hydrochloride
will “Precipitate” out as a Salt
(Powder)

Methamphetamine crystals

Red-P Method Stains



Red-P Method Stains



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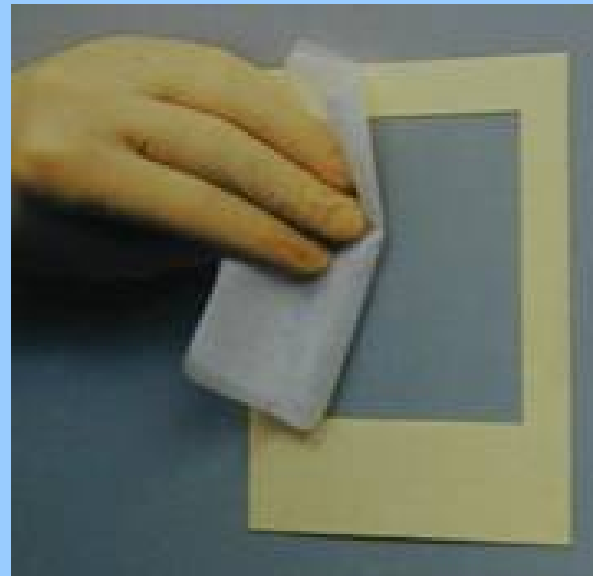
Preliminary Site Assessment Report

- Impacted Area Defined
- Plan to Remediate

Indoor Sampling

- 4 Walls, Floor and Ceiling (**Total of 6**)

Wipe Sample →



$$10 \text{ cm} \times 10 \text{ cm} = 100\text{cm}^2$$

AB1078 Cleanup Levels

- Red-P Method Stains – Absent
- Methamphetamine - $\leq 0.1\mu\text{g}/100\text{cm}^2$

Field Testing

Drop Wipe in

Utilized by the
Response Team for
Screening of
Methamphetamine
Residue



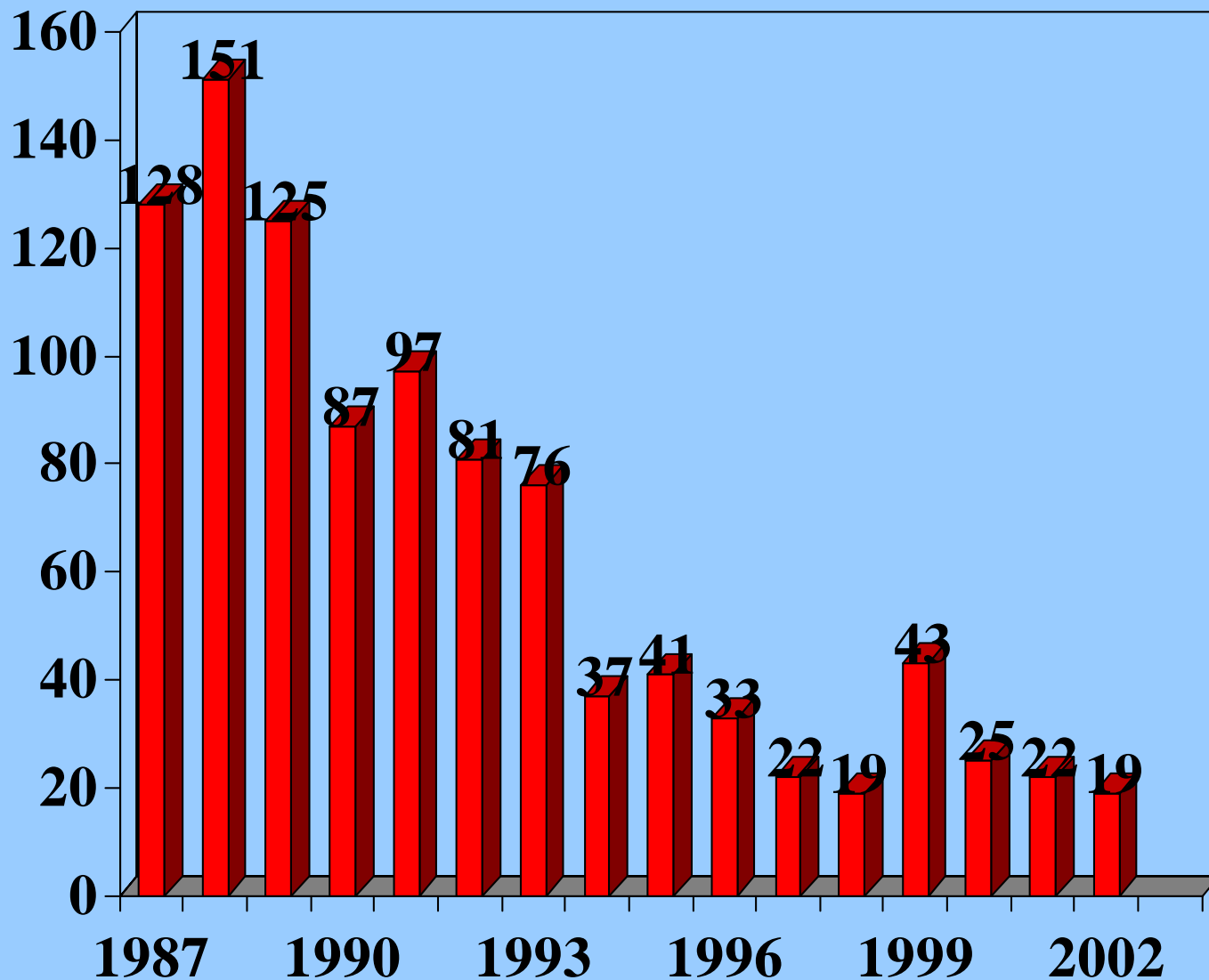
SABRE 4000

Cleanup Methods

- Remove and Dispose
- Wash / Triple Rinse*
- Encapsulation – Oil Based Paint*

* Confirmation Samples Required

Drug Labs responded to by DEH



3 Active Sites for 2006.

- Site A - Small Scale Lab. Red-P
- Site B* - Small Scale Lab. Red-P
- Site C - Methamphetamine Storage Only

* Will Discuss in Detail Later

3 Active Sites for 2006

- Site A - Traffic Stop
- Site B* - Domestic Dispute
- Site C - Warrant Served for Parole Violation.

Subject Still at Large



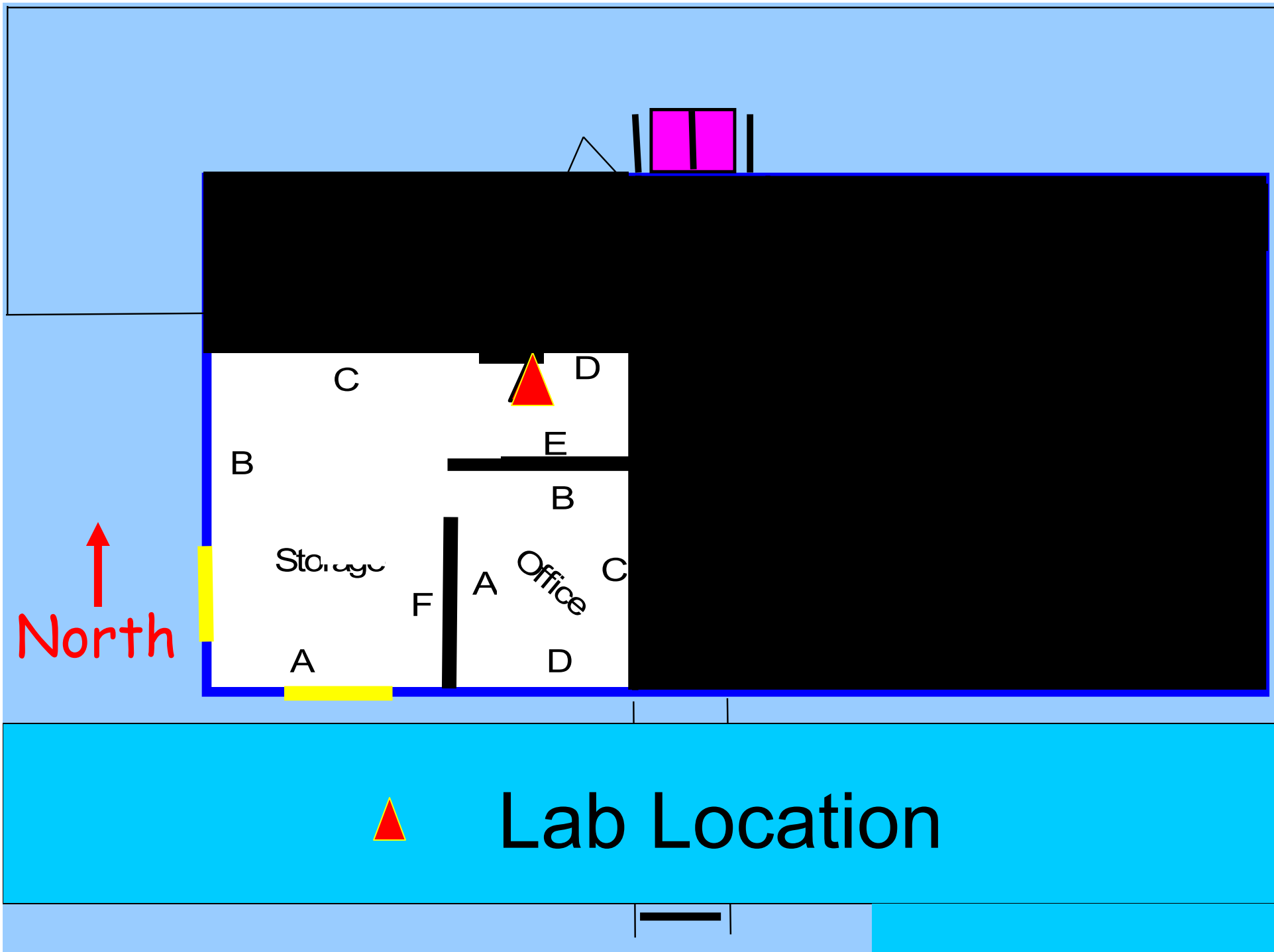
- Lab for Today's Talk



Site B



DEA Chemists sampling drug lab waste





Lab Location

Cinder Block
Above Lab
Sampled. ND

■ $< 0.1 \text{ ug} / 100 \text{ cm}^2$



Popcorn Ceiling



Drywall



Lab

Drywall



Concrete Floor



 $< 0.1 \text{ ug} / 100 \text{ cm}^2$  $> 0.1 \text{ ug} / 100 \text{ cm}^2$

Popcorn Ceiling

?

?

Drywall

Cinder Block

Lab

Concrete Floor

Tiles

 $< 0.1 \text{ ug} / 100 \text{ cm}^2$  $> 0.1 \text{ ug} / 100 \text{ cm}^2$

Popcorn Ceiling

- No Asbestos
- Will Remove Entire Ceiling

Concrete Floor

- Washed
- 50 / 50 Phosphoric Acid
- Confirmation Samples High - FAILED
- Washed
- Chlorine Solution
- Confirmation Samples High - FAILED

Concrete Floor - What Now?

Idea #1

- Remove Thin Layer of Concrete
 - Methamphetamine Dust Issues

Idea #2

- Encapsulation with Suitable Sealant
 - Confirmation Samples Required

Indoor Surfaces - Summary

- **Lab Bench / Desk** – Remove ✓
- **Popcorn Ceiling** – Remove ✓
- **Drywall** Remove ✓
- **Cinder Block** – Samples ND. No Action ✓
- **Tiles** – Remove ✓
- ? **Concrete Floor** – Remove Thin Surface Layer
OR Encapsulate*

* Confirmation Samples Required



Outdoor Reconnaissance



West Side of Yard Where Can of Gasoline Located. Not Methamphetamine-Related.

Septic Systems

- Stains on Drainage Features?
 - **NO**
- *Recommend Pump Out*

Review of Site "B" Status

- Residence All Clear
- No Evidence of Septic Tank Impact
- No Evidence of Outdoor Impact
- Garage Still Needs Some Surfaces Evaluated (Concrete Floor)

Questions?



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